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In brief

AAFES recalls planes

Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials, along with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Spin Master Toys, of Toronto, Ontario, are voluntarily assisting in a recall of Firestormer and Skyblazer toy planes.

The plastic air intake chamber of the air-powered toy planes can burst, throwing plastic pieces, posing a laceration, bruise and abrasion hazard to consumers.

The recalled Firestormer plane is either red or blue with a flame graphic across the body and "Firestormer" printed on the wings of the plane.

The Skyblazer plane is purple, green and white and has "Skyblazer" printed on the wings of the plane. These toys use a hand pump mechanism to compress air to make the plane fly.

The planes have an eight-digit date code on the bottom of the pump. The date code reads MM/DD/YY-KS. Only planes with date codes 12/29/01-KS through 03/24/02-KS are included in the recall.

Planes manufactured before December 29 and after March 24 are not included in this recall.

AAFES sold these planes between January and May 20.

Consumers should stop using the planes immediately, said officials, and contact Spin Master Toys to receive a free replacement plane.

Contact Spin Master Toys at (800) 622-8339, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

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Base takes AETC antiterrorism award ... again

STAFF SGT. ROEL UTLEY
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The 325th Security Forces Squadron secured the Air Education and Training Command 2001 Antiterrorism Award for the best Antiterrorism/Force Protection program for the third consecutive year.

In a post-Sept. 11 world, some innovative ways of protecting the base cemented the win for Team Tyndall. A key innovation that secured the award last year was the bollard barrier system, an innovative, low-cost method of protecting base assets. In 2001, visionary thinking led to a comprehensive plan to patrol the waterways and provide aerial surveillance of the base.

While assignments overseas may be at a higher risk for terrorist attacks, it is important to remain vigilant at all times. The events of Sept. 11 give testament to the fact that the United States is not immune to acts of terrorism.

"The base response to the events of Sept. 11 and subsequent increase in Force Protection Condition was nothing short of phenomenal," said Capt. Amy Peterson, 325th Security Forces Squadron operations officer. "While most of us never believed that we would see such events, our ability to swiftly respond and execute plans to secure personnel and resources was the key to our success.

"Our cooperative efforts with those organizations tasked with supporting the base READY (Reserve Augmentation Duty) program paid huge dividends following the attacks. Through extensive ongoing training and prepa-



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Master Sgt. John Neely, 325th Security Forces Squadron antiterrorism program manager, and Bill Foley, Aero Club manager, review a checklist. The Aero Club provided planes to support an aerial surveillance program of Tyndall Air Force Base during heightened security measures.

ration at all levels, security forces was able to draw from a large pool of personnel trained to perform force protection duties."

Following the Cold War, the way the U.S. fought its enemies and who its enemies were began to change. As fears of fighting a huge force in a massive war dwindled, a new kind of enemy emerged. Now, enemies the world can't see or pinpoint attack not only military targets, but civilian targets as well. In response to this change, the Air Force implemented FPCON and INFOCON levels – all ways to better protect and equip troops against the growing enemies of the future. According to officials, the best way to avoid being a target is to remain

vigilant - not just around Tyndall, but wherever you go.

"The most significant change is that antiterrorism awareness has been at the forefront of everyone's minds since (Sept. 11). Continued awareness and emphasis on force protection and antiterrorism is the key to preventing future incidents," Captain Peterson said.

"By winning the AETC award for three consecutive years, Tyndall has clearly shown that we set the standard in AETC for Antiterrorism and Force Protection initiatives. We continue to make exceptional strides in all facets of the antiterrorism/force protection mission, and apply innovative approaches to new

challenges we now face," the captain said.

The value of teamwork cannot be underestimated, everyone who comprises "Team Tyndall" has made this award possible. It is a true testament to the hard work everyone has been putting forth in recent years.

"Tyndall was also visited recently by members of the Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Team and was noted as 'the best installation seen to date' by the team chief. This is much more than a win for security forces however, each member of Team Tyndall shares in this success because force protection truly is everyone's business," said Captain Peterson.

Tyndall members take AETC honors

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander



The past week has been one filled with good news for the Checkertail Clan. Two of our troops, Capt. Sarah Bestrain and

Airman 1st Class Angela Moore were recognized as Air Education and Training Command's finest.

Captain Bestrain earned recognition as the top AETC Readiness Officer of the Year, while Airman Moore took home the award for Airfield Management Airman of the Year. It is always good to see such hardworking folks earn praise at the command level and beyond.

There was good news for the Security Forces Squadron as well, as they earned the Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Antiterrorism Program award. This is the third year in a row the 325th SFS has garnered command-wide recognition, and since Sept. 11 the security forces and their ready augmentees have been working harder than ever to ensure the security and safety of our people and assets.



“(The Tyndall honor guard) are some of the most visible ambassadors for the Air Force, and certainly Tyndall Air Force Base, in the region.”

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander

Although we're in force protection condition Alpha, the need to remain vigilant remains ever present. Therefore, we need to be aware and sensitive to suspicious activity and if something doesn't look quite right, report it to the proper authorities.

To the entire Security Forces Squadron and their ready augmentees, Captain Bestrain and Airman Moore, keep up the great work!

Speaking of folks who are doing great things for our Air Force, I'd like to take the time to thank some of our unsung star performers...the Tyndall Honor Guard. Two weeks ago, we all celebrated Memorial Day. It was a day to remember fallen

comrades and a time to reflect. For the Tyndall Honor Guard, it was an especially busy weekend as they represented the base at various downtown events. These folks are some of the most visible ambassadors and in a way, recruiters for the Air Force and do a great job representing Tyndall Air Force Base. They are responsible for honors at funerals, and they provide their services at sporting events, concerts, parades and countless other downtown venues requiring a military presence. Certainly, their sharp uniforms, discipline and duty are qualities that everyone can as-

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BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS
325th Fighter Wing commander

New organization takes Expeditionary Air Force to new level

GEN. JOHN P. JUMPER

Chief of Staff

Our service has witnessed dramatic change over the past decade. Beyond our transitioning to an expeditionary construct to address this new environment, we have made few changes to our organizational structure. Right up front I want to say that nothing is broken—I'm extremely proud of the job each of you have done rising to meet our many challenges. People are working hard to make our weapons systems work, and the successes of the past 12 years tell us that we can organize for success in more than one way. Many questions arise: Are we organized as smart as we could be, given all we have learned about the expeditionary world we've lived in over the past decade plus? If we are to continue to deploy in sub-squadron size packages into expeditionary wings as part of Joint Task Forces, are we organized at home the way we should be? If we are to continue to deal with

aging weapons systems, are we growing the right kind of focused maintainer to deal with those problems? If the trends of the last decade continue to dictate that we deploy rapidly into tent cities on bare or ill-prepared bases, are we growing the kind of support personnel who understand all that is needed to pick up a unit, get it there, and sustain it?

When it comes to deploying and sustaining the force to fight our nation's wars, I believe the two hardest things we do in our Air Force are flying and fixing our weapons systems—especially old weapons systems. This does not mean that the rest of us who don't have a stick, yoke, launch button or wrench in our hands are not important. It means that the nation pays for an Air Force to help win the nation's wars, and our value as air and space warriors is measured by how we contribute to those victories. If you wear a blue suit or are a civilian in the Air Force you are an important part of our victories. I be-

lieve that flying and fixing our weapons systems are essential skill sets, along with mission support. Each requires Ph.D.-level expertise, proficiency and leadership. This level of proficiency is only possible if we allow our leaders to develop great depth in their specific fields. It is for this reason that we will transition into a new Combat Wing Organization designed to fully develop commanders with specific functional expertise to fully plan and execute air and space power as part of expeditionary units.

The Combat Wing Organization will retain the **Operations Group**, which will continue to focus on the skills of tactical employment that make ours the greatest Air Force in the world. The group and squadron commanders will be leaders in the air and on the ground—role models, ready to lead the first missions into combat. The planning, training and employment of our weapon

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Watch what you’re saying, someone is listening!

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347th Rescue Wing public affairs

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Did you know that a simple phone conversation with your loved one in a deployed location could put him or her in danger?

When you send e-mails or faxes or have a phone conversation, did you know a spy or terrorist could be listening? Even when you are on a government computer or a DSN line?
“Everyone wants to know what you are talking about,” said Tech. Sgt. Paul

Farrington, the 347th Rescue Wing telephone control officer.
DSN circuits connect through commercial sectors, so conversations can be heard by anyone with a scanner.
“We need to get back to the basics of disclosing information on a need-to-know basis only and think about communication security,” Sergeant Farrington said.
Communication security is making sure what you say can be said, and it is important for everyone to always think about what they are saying before they say it, Sergeant Farrington said.
Everyone is affected by one person’s negligence of communication security. Terrorists and spies can use bits of information from several people and build on them.
For example, Mr. Smith gets a call from his spouse, Lieutenant Smith, who is deployed. She tells him about a dust storm last night. A terrorist or spy listening to the conversation with a scanner can go online and search for all the places in the world where dust storms occurred and narrow it down to certain locations.
Airman Jones then talks to her husband on a DSN line and tells him she just found out she is deploying to an undisclosed location in a week.
Captain Johnson faxes Airman Jones’ orders to Lieutenant Smith at the “undisclosed location” via an unsecured fax.
Sally Spy or Terry Terrorist, who has been tracking these conversations using

a facsimile scanner, starts to plan the attack. Sally or Terry gets a copy of the orders using the same scanner, whites out the original name, types in a new name, then calls Lieutenant Smith to inform her of the changes. Lieutenant Smith approves the changes, sends the information to the gate guard and requests there be a pass ready for the newcomer. Then it is instant access to the base for Sally Spy or Terry Terrorist.
“Although some people probably think that the scenario is far fetched and just a scare tactic, after the events of Sept. 11, I think we can all agree that the enemy could be anywhere and communication security is more important now than ever,” said Senior Airman Danielle Davis, the base communications security accountant.
Communication security negligence happens in everyday situations. Examples include people not setting passwords for voicemail systems; leaving classified material in common areas; or chatting in restaurants, bars, beauty salons, the grocery store or any well-frequented place.
“The importance of communication security can be summed up very simply,” Airman Davis said. “You’re the one who’s going to war and getting shot at. Do you really want the enemy to know where you are or what you’re doing?”
(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

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pire to, and I encourage all of you to join this dedicated team. With such a high demand for their services, they always need more members. No matter what your rank, you can join and be part of one of the most rewarding jobs in the Air Force.
Also, last week saw the announcement of Brig. Gen.-select Larry New as my replacement as the 325th Fighter Wing Commander. Brig. Gen.-select New is currently the director of requirements at Air Combat Command headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va. He’ll bring a wealth of experience and background from

former command tours, as well as in both the F-15 and F-22 programs. My new assignment will be as the deputy commander of NATO’s Combined Air Operations Center Seven in Larissa, Greece. The change of command ceremony between Brig. Gen.-select New and myself is tentatively set for July 12. There will be much more to follow on this late breaking news in future editions of the Gulf Defender.
Finally, I want to thank those responsible for last week’s Military Affairs Committee Golf Tournament. Our Military Affairs Committee champions many Tyndall issues and

supports all things military. The tournament, hosted by the MAC, was a first class event. I’d like to thank those who participated in the event as it served as a great forum to introduce them to members of Team Tyndall and thank them for their tremendous support. Thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to the military affairs committee’s event coordinator Mack Bland, the wing’s project officer Herman Bell, and the golf course staff for hosting yet another fantastic event.
Again, congratulations to all our award winners. Be safe Team Tyndall and have a great week!

Murray discusses his new position as top enlisted

TECH. SGT. BARB LAVIGNE
15th Air Base Wing public affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) — A dream has come true for the man who is currently the Pacific Air Forces command chief master sergeant.

“Becoming chief master sergeant of the Air Force is a young airman’s dream,” said Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray, the newly selected 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

That dream became a reality for Chief Murray on May 24 when Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, called him and asked if he would accept becoming the next chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Chief Murray said yes, and will become the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force on July 1.

“My heart nearly jumped out of my chest,” Chief Murray said. “I was filled with a lot of emotion as I contemplated the awesome responsibility that he just bestowed upon me. What an honor.”

Looking back over his career, he said what he has gleaned over time is that it is important to set goals — and that the enlisted career path is not one that leads everyone to actually become the chief master sergeant of the Air Force. After all, only 13 have served.

Chief Murray, who enlisted in the Air Force on Oct. 31, 1977, did not set out to make the Air Force a career. Even at his four-year point, when he reenlisted for the first time, he said he was not sure. One thing he was sure of, though, was that he wanted to do the very best he could.

“It wasn’t until my second enlistment, at my 10-year point, that I clearly knew I wanted to make the Air Force a career and set my goal to become a chief master sergeant,” he said. “I enjoyed my job as (an) aircraft maintenance mechanic working on fighters and the flightline.

“Making rank was fairly easy for me, in a sense,” Chief Murray said. “To some degree it was a matter



Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray

of timing, similar to what’s afforded airmen serving today. Because retention was down in the early (19)80s, promotion rates were high like they are today. Staff (sergeant) was about 48 percent and technical sergeant was still higher than the average when I made it. When I made staff, tech and master sergeant all on the first attempt, I felt that making chief was definitely attainable.”

With that realization, Chief Murray said he set out to become the best noncommissioned officer and supervisor he could be. Becoming a chief master sergeant of the Air Force was still just a fleeting dream.

“The Air Force and my family gave me all the chances I needed to attain my goals,” he said. “I developed my leadership and supervisory skills through experience, college courses and professional military education. (Professional military education) cannot

be matched for teaching those skills. I feel I’ve been successful in attaining the goals I set and my career has shown that.”

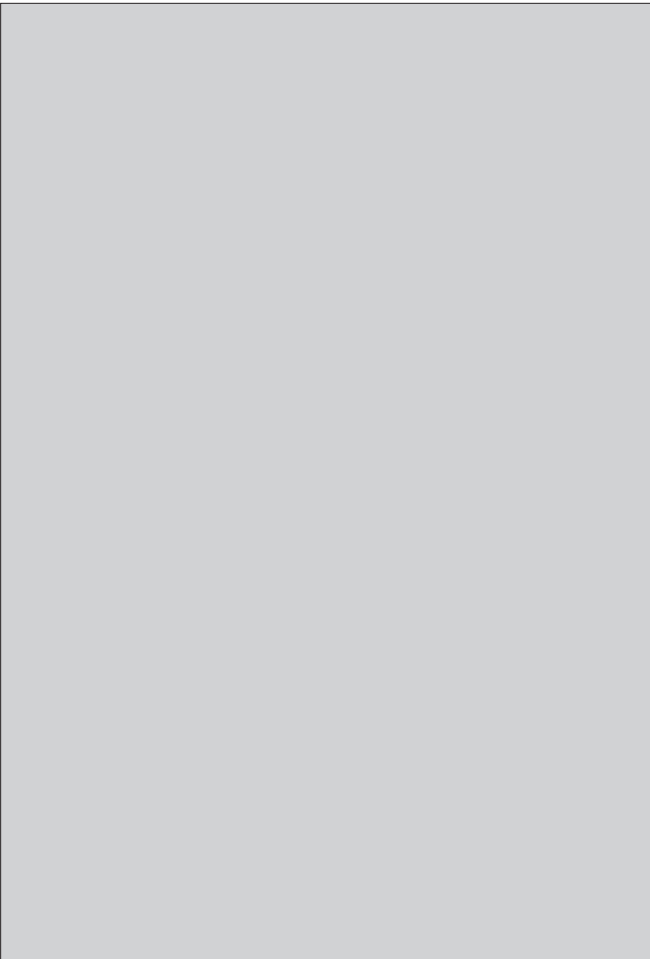
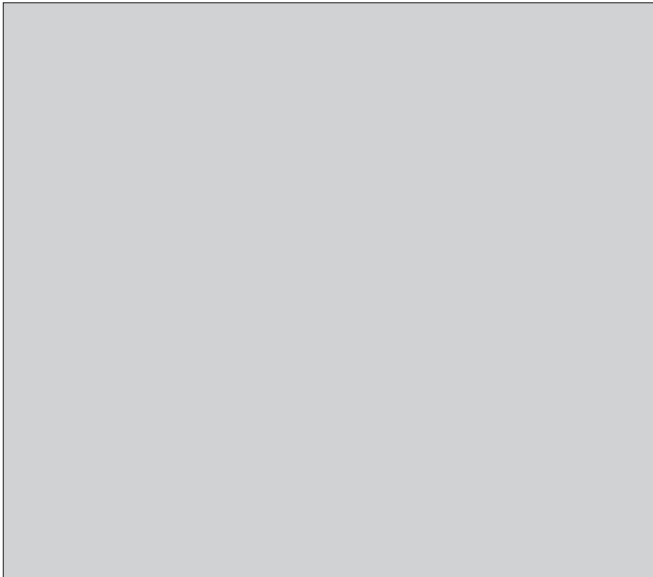
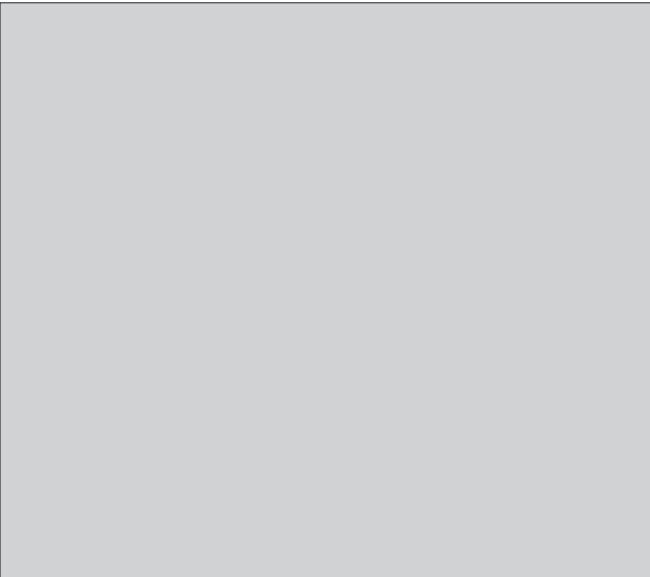
Chief Murray received distinguished graduate honors from each level of PME he attended and is well decorated. He is proud of the Gen. Lew Allen Trophy he received in 1991, the highest award given for aircraft sortie production. His deployment with the 353rd Fighter Squadron to Desert Storm led to the award. He was also awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during the war.

Chief Murray worked in aircraft maintenance as a crew chief at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; an aircraft maintenance instructor at Shaw AFB, S.C.; a senior crew chief at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; a production superintendent at Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.; a maintenance flight superintendent at McChord AFB, Wash.; and a fighter squadron maintenance superintendent at Moody AFB, Ga.

“In 1994, after two base realignment closures, we set up a new A-10 squadron at Moody Air Force Base in operational commission faster than any squadron since World War II, deployed it, and then proceeded to set records for some of the highest sortie production rates in the Air Force,” he said. “Morale soared. We included our families and concentrated on teamwork while building the new squadron. The cooperation between maintenance and operations was outstanding. It was a great effort and example of what people can do together.”

Those accomplishments may have been what led him

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●FROM CMSAF PAGE 4 to become a senior enlisted adviser (later to be renamed command chief master sergeant) for the 347th Wing at Moody in April 1996, forever changing his career path.

“Brig. Gen. L.D. Johnston (now a major general and commander of the Air Warfare Center at Nellis AFB, Nev.) asked me to be the wing’s senior enlisted adviser,” he said, explaining that until that point he had not given much consideration to such a position. “My idea of a senior enlisted adviser was a well-tenured chief with a lot of experience and leadership ability. I recognized clearly what an incredible responsibility he was giving me.”

In September 1999, Chief Murray became the U.S.

Forces-Japan, and 5th Air Force command chief master sergeant at Yokota AB, Japan, where he said it gave him an opportunity to expand his understanding of our total force while serving in the joint command headquarters. He was also recognized as a leader of bilateral relations, establishing NCO exchange opportunities and close ties with the Japanese self-defense forces.

He became the PACAF command chief master sergeant in August 2001 and said it has been incredibly rewarding to serve with the men and women throughout the command.

“In the past 10 months I’ve had the opportunity to visit every major base in the command,” he said. “I’ve

been to remote locations as well, like Diego Garcia, Singapore and Camp Humphreys, Korea, and I know our airmen and families are sacrificing a lot serving in these and other remote locations. But they’re doing it for a good cause — to maintain peace and stability in this (area of responsibility). We can’t thank them and others like them around the world enough for their service.”

The new chief master sergeant of the Air Force comes to the job having deployed during two contingencies since serving in Desert Storm, one as maintenance superintendent at Al Jaber, Kuwait, and the other as a command chief master sergeant at Sheikh Isa AB, Bahrain. He said

those contingencies give him an understanding of what serving in today’s Air Force brings to airmen.

I know that many airmen today have been deployed away from home and their families in many more contingencies and harsher conditions than me,” Chief Murray said. “Those separations from home are often toughest on the families. That’s why it is important to take care of them.”

He credits his family for supporting him throughout his career.

“My wife Sherry (of almost 27 years), is a saint for supporting me all these years,” Chief Murray said. “Of course, my children have mixed feelings about another move.”

The Murrays have a 20-

year-old son who is in college, and a 13-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter at home.

For airmen and families today, the chief believes that the aerospace expeditionary force process is “on the right track of giving them predictability.” However, he points out that the Air Force is also fighting a war that will require some airmen to be called on more often and longer than he would like for the foreseeable future.

“It is important to help our airmen get through these deployments by making sure they have support from leadership and the training and equipment required to do their jobs,” Chief Murray said. “They are good at what they do yet we don’t want to

take our people and their families for granted. Leadership needs to show them in good faith why they should stay with us.”

That way of thinking along with quality of life, readiness and force-structure balance as the Air Force transitions out of stop-loss, and dealing with stressed and critical career fields is what he has championed during his tenure as the PACAF command chief.

“What a great Air Force this is,” he said. “I am humbled and honored to be asked by the chief of staff to serve as the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. I can wholeheartedly support General Jumper and Secretary of the Air Force (Dr. James G.) Roche.”

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AF announces Thrift Savings Plan open season

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Civilian and military employees can enroll or change their contributions during the Thrift Savings Plan’s “open season” May 15 to July 31.

“TSP is an easy, long-term retirement savings plan that everyone should consider,” said Lt. Col. David Zeh, Air Force Personnel Center’s contact center chief. “It’s a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans, and you only contribute what you feel you want to.”

The TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute because they don’t have to pay taxes on earnings until reaching retirement age.

“Other features of the plan include a choice of five investment options and an easy way to move your money between those options,” said Janet Thomas, of the center’s civilian benefits and entitlements service team. You can take out loans from your own contributions and earnings and make in-service withdrawals. Another great benefit is that TSP is ‘portable,’ you can keep it if you leave military or federal service.”

The investment money can be paid directly out of each paycheck so people never have to think about it, said Colonel Zeh.

“That makes it so easy to ‘pay yourself first,’” he said.

“Employees already contributing to TSP



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work for you

are encouraged to review their TSP plan and account balances,” said Ms. Thomas.

Some of the specifics of the military program include:

— Military members can initially contribute up to 7 percent of their base pay with the option to increase that to 10 percent by 2005. They also have the ability to contribute all or part of their bonuses or special pay up to \$11,000 in 2002.

— Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$40,000 in annual contributions.

— Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site, or go to the local military personnel flight, finance office or family support center and ask for form TSP-U-1.

— Contribution allocations are made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP Web site. For general TSP questions, call the AFPC Contact Center at DSN 665-2949 or (800) 558-1404.

Civilian contribution limits are based on which retirement system an employee has. For the current open season, the following contribution rates apply:

— Federal Employees’ Retirement System employees may contribute up to 12 percent of their basic pay each pay period. Once eligible, the government provides matching funds of up to 4 percent as well as an automatic 1 percent each pay period whether the employee contributes or not. This brings the maximum government contribution to 5 percent.

— Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may contribute up to 7 percent of their basic pay each pay period, but do not receive any matching contributions.

— The amount FERS and CSRS employees may contribute will increase by 1 percentage point each year through 2005, when they will be restricted only by the Internal Revenue Code’s annual limit, currently \$11,000, said Ms. Thomas. Beginning with the Nov. 15 open season, FERS employees can contribute 13 percent and CSRS employees can contribute 8 percent.

— All Air Force civilian employees must make their TSP contribution elections, the amount they want to contribute from their basic pay, or changes through the BEST automated phone system or Web application by July 31. The BEST phone system may be reached at (800) 997-2378. Hearing-impaired employees may contact BEST by calling TDD (800) 382-0893 or commercial 565-2276. Overseas employees will dial a toll-free AT&T access number or MCI direct access number for the country they are in. Counselors are available weekdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

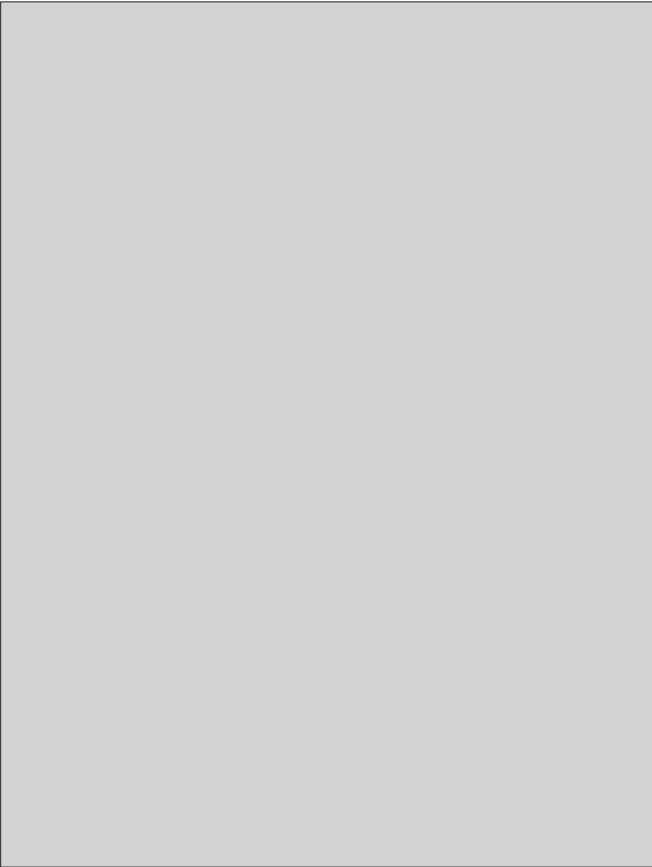
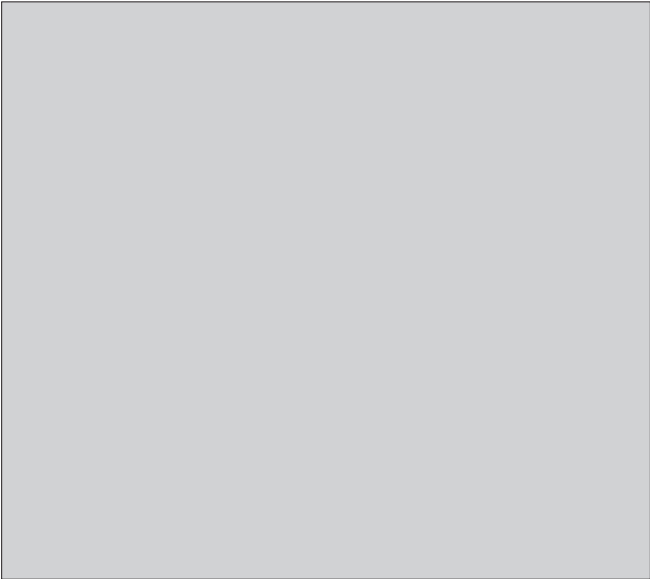
— Contribution allocations (how employees choose to invest their money among the five funds) are made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP Web site.

The five TSP funds are: Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings Web site at www.tsp.gov/ or the BEST home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm and for Air Force military personnel at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.
(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable. Play it safe, don’t become a statistic.



Membership pays at Tyndall's clubs

MARCIA A. ROBERTSON
325th Services Squadron marketing

The Tyndall clubs recently launched a special program to focus on the benefits of club membership.

Called Membership Pays, this promotion is designed to increase awareness among both current club members and prospective members about the factors that make club membership an economically sound choice.

"We want people to know what the club has to offer," said Lt. Col. John Stutts, 325th Services Squadron commander. "A lot of folks don't see the club as a good deal and that simply isn't true."

One primary benefit of club membership is the value pricing of all regular

and special club activities. For those members who attend official functions on a regular basis, the dollars saved can add up since members receive a two-dollar discount on luncheons and a three-dollar one on evening meals.

Although value pricing in itself gives members an advantage, there are other incentives to joining the club.

"We'll be having membership nights on a quarterly basis," said D.J. Donaldson, 325th Services Squadron assistant club manager. "We also offer a birthday discount of \$10 off a meal to any member and discounts of \$1.25 at the Enlisted Club Barbershop."

A special feature of the Tyndall club system is the Advantage Program. The Advantage Program aims to

add value to everyone's club membership.

"The Advantage Program gives our members something extra," Colonel Stutts said. "It provides ongoing savings not only at the clubs, but at our other services facilities as well."

The Advantage Program features two components: coupons and discounts. The coupons are available monthly and can be picked up at the club. They offer savings on everything from free copies at the library to reduced greens fees at the golf course.

"The Advantage coupons are worth about \$38," said Peggy Geil, 325th Services Squadron marketing manager. "By using them, club members can more than make up for their monthly dues."

The second feature of the Advantage Program is discounts which are offered at other services facilities when a member shows his or her club card. These savings of 5 to 10 percent are good at most services facilities, including the marina club, bowling center and outdoor recreation.

"It's important to remember that you don't have to charge your purchase to the card to get the discount," said Colonel Stutts. "All a member has to do is show the card to get the savings."

An often-overlooked benefit of club membership is the catering service. Members can reserve the club's facilities and get professional catering assistance for special functions of varying sizes.

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Leadership Line



"We've got to protect against terrorism. That's our job. That's what the American people want us to do. That's what we must do."

JOHN ASHCROFT
Attorney General

F-22 construction moves forward 'feathering the nest' for the first Raptor

MASTER SGT. ROB FULLER
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Just exactly what does it take to build a nest for a bird of prey? An eight-person team, more than three years and millions of dollars—that is if the bird is an F-22 Raptor and the nest is Tyndall Air Force Base.

"It just can't happen quick enough for us who have been planning this every day... we wish it was here yesterday," said Maj. Steve James, F-22 Integration Office deputy chief. Major James, along with his fellow F-22 Integration team members and a cast of hundreds in support roles around the base have been working diligently to prepare Tyndall for the first F-22 arrival next spring.

The most visible sign of the Raptor's approach is construction on the north side of the base, near the main gate. Travelers on Highway 98, along with those living and working on Tyndall, have watched the F-22 Academics and Simulator facility make its way skyward for some time.

"That facility is coming along real well especially on the outside," said Major James. "They're at least 80 percent finished with the brick and the siding, of course there's finishing work to do, such as grass and putting up a gate to match the exterior of the facility."

The facility is projected to be complete in September. Once finished, Boeing will begin installing the F-22 simulators. The building is slated to house four simulators; two installed this fall and two next year. The simulators are critical

to the F-22 training process since it is a one-seat aircraft and a pilot's first ride is solo.

"That's what makes it so important," said Major James, "that we have the facility ready and get the devices installed so the pilots can start their academics and log some stick time on the ground in preparation for their first flight here at Tyndall." The first milestone toward putting pilots in the new simulator facility will be this July when a board of general officers will select the first batch of F-22 pilots.

It is not only the pilots who depend on the completion of construction projects in support of the F-22. The first Raptor maintainers at Tyndall have a lot to look forward to as well. The F-22 is a revolutionary aircraft, but it still needs maintenance and maintainers need training and a facility to train in. The F-22 train-

ing detachment is scheduled for completion in August and will house a 'hands-on' training device known as the seat and canopy trainer.

"We're going to have approximately 250 maintenance personnel," said Major James. "That's people working on the flightline as well as people working in other places for that first squadron."

Some of the first maintainers will come from within the 325th Fighter Wing through a local selection process while others will arrive through the normal personnel process, according to Major James. Tyndall will also get a cadre from Edwards AFB, home of the F-22 Combined Test Force. Currently CTF maintainers are the only Air Force personnel with F-22 maintenance knowledge and will play a key role in the stand up and development of the F-22 maintenance capability here.



Courtesy photo

An artist's conception of the low observable/composite repair facility.

But construction goes on. Even as some facilities near completion, others begin.

"Last month we broke ground on the first hangar," said Major James. "The F-22 4-Bay Hangar will house the maintainers and pilots for the first F-22 squadron. The facility is projected to be finished next summer which will be a big event for us." The hangar construction site is located adjacent to the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group, near the F-22 Low Observable/Component Repair Facility, also due for

completion this September.

"Being a part of the F-22 construction has been a great opportunity," said 2nd Lt. Paul Cristina, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron F-22 project officer. "Not many people in construction get exposure to the types of special requirements these facilities must satisfy. It's not often that you work on a building that requires 1,100 tons of air conditioning in the work areas, not counting the administrative portion, such as is in the LO/CRF facility."

Even as physical signs of construction, such as buildings and hangars move forward, another kind of construction breaks ground behind the scenes—the first-ever F-22 squadron.

"We have approval from the Air Staff to stand up the first F-22 squadron in October," said Major James. "That's something we've been anxiously awaiting as well. However, there's a lot of work that goes into making it happen. Once the unit designator is picked, patches have to be made, accounts set up and all kinds of things have to happen."

Choosing the squadron is a process that must be cleared through the Air Force History office based on heritage points of

squadrons not currently active, said Major James. History officials will match the heritage points to the type of mission and aircraft with a recommendation to the Air Staff for which squadron to stand up.

It takes more than just twigs, feathers and loose debris to prepare a nest for a Raptor. It takes teamwork, expertise from every corner of the base and a lot of patience.

"The team working on the construction here at Tyndall; the F-22 Integration Office, the Civil Engineer Squadron, and the Corps of Engineers, has done a great job in keeping these huge projects under control," said Lieutenant Cristina. "Handling one of these projects at a time would be daunting ... handling them all at once has been a real challenge."

"We are on track to receive our first aircraft," said Major James. "We are on track with facilities, we are on track with personnel, and we have a lot of equipment already arriving to support the F-22. We also expect our supply parts to begin arriving in September, so everything is on track for that first F-22 to fly into Tyndall next spring."



Courtesy photo



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Construction continues on the F-22 Academic and Simulator Facility which will eventually house four F-22 simulators. Construction is slated for completion in September. Above, an artist's conception of the finished facility.

Crossing into the Blue

Commissioning opportunities abound in the Air Force

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

“When you cross into the blue, everything is different and important.” Air Force commercials on television seek people who are up for a challenge, encouraging them to walk into a local recruiting office and sign on the dotted line. But how does a person enter into the officer corps? They join Air Force ROTC.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps is by far the largest single commissioning source of Air Force second lieutenants. According to the 2002 Airman Magazine “Almanac Edition,” ROTC is responsible for commissioning more than 41 percent of the active officer population.

Traditionally, cadets join ROTC right out of high school or during their college careers. But that’s not always the case. Opportunities exist for enlisted members to earn a commission through ROTC. SOAR, Scholarships for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC, is one way. “SOAR is a scholarship program designed for enlisted people in the force with less than six years service,” said Wanda Kirkpatrick, an educational counselor at the Tyndall Education Center. “SOAR applicants are tagged by their supervisors or commanders as strong performers with exceptional potential.”

Another potential road to lieutenant’s bars is the Airmen Scholarship and Commissioning Program. Similar to the SOAR program, ASCP is a way for more senior enlisted people to earn an ROTC scholarship. Those interested in the ASCP require a proven history of leadership and dedication. Supervisors nominate ASCP candidates, who then meet a board to determine their probability for success.

Ms. Kirkpatrick said that several Tyndall airmen have taken advantage of SOAR scholarships. Out of 22 total prior enlisted commissionees, “we’ve sent seven enlisted people off to schools around the country to be commissioned through ROTC, including one this fiscal year,” she said.

Once cadets are enrolled in the program, they take courses instructing in abstract information such as air power application, Air Force history and leadership. Advanced courses taken during the junior and senior years include instruction in concrete information such as writing in the Air Force style, crafting performance reports and even creating awards packages.

Before joining the ranks of senior cadets, students must attend a field training encampment, like the one going on right now at Tyndall. “The normal progres-



2nd Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald

2nd Lt. Nekisha Mehta talks to counselor Andrew Colvin regarding her recent commissioning. Lieutenant Mehta, a former military family member here, earned her commission through the ROTC program at the University of South Florida. The lieutenant will work in the personnel career field at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The Tyndall Education Center also has information on a number of different ways current enlisted members can trade in their stripes for bars.

sion for an ROTC student is to attend an encampment between their sophomore and junior years,” says Capt. Mike Liquori, assistant commandant of cadets for the current encampment.

Though ROTC field training contains many elements of Air Force basic military training, such as drill and ceremonies, rigorous physical fitness training, academics and uniform wear, the focus of the camps is different than enlisted BMT. “It’s designed to test their leadership potential,” says Capt. Liquori. “We focus a lot more on leadership training, a lot more responsibility is placed on the

individual cadet.”

When the cadets graduate from the summer camp, they will return to their detachments at more than a thousand colleges across the country. There, they assume leadership roles in a cadet wing and apply effective management skills learned at field training.

There are many roads to becoming an Air Force officer they are all “different and important.” One of those roads makes its way directly through many college campuses...the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Caption contest



Submit an entry for this month's Safety Caption Contest and win a free lunch from the 325th Services Squadron! Send your caption to 2nd Lt. Cecil Woolard at 283-4231 or e-mail the safety office.

The 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office needs a humorous caption to identify this brash move.

This feline is either over confident, impaired, or in a rush. It's definitely oblivious to the danger it has placed itself in.

Whether driving too fast for road conditions, a few too many at the sports bar or participating in dangerous sports, sometimes we forget the real danger that lies so close.

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systems are fundamental core capabilities and require the undivided attention of our operational commanders. We will also ask the commanders in our Operations Group to become more active in the operational level of war—the skills of commanding air and space power.

Maintaining the health of our aging fleets balanced with the need to produce the sorties that help win wars is a core capability that requires focus and proficiency. To that end we will establish a **Maintenance Group**. Commanders within the Maintenance Group will be responsible for the full spectrum of base-level weapon system maintenance and for producing sorties at the designated rates. Units within the maintenance organization will continue to be identified with, located with, and deployed with the operational squadron they support. This will include slices of maintenance organizations such as munitions, component and equipment maintenance designated to deploy with specified units. They will wear the colors of that squadron and will continue to interface on a daily basis with the scheduling and detailed integration of that squadron's activities. The Maintenance Group commander is expected to be the role model to maintainers just as the Operations Group commander is to the operators.

Recent events have clearly focused us not only on sustaining home base capabilities, but also on rapidly employing our weapon systems and establishing our operational presence anywhere in the world. This expeditionary capability will fall largely on

the professionals in our new **Mission Support Group**. This group merges the current Support Group with the Logistics Readiness, Contracting and Aerial Port Squadrons as applicable. Here is where we will hone the expeditionary skills of crisis action planning, force protection, load planning, communications, in-transient visibility, reception, contracting actions, base preparation, munitions and fuels site planning, personnel readiness and contingency beddown. Contingency beddown will include such areas as falling in on an existing expeditionary wing or group, weapon storage, tent city administration and integrating with a contingency theater's supply system. We are just beginning to develop this skill set. The spectrum of skills required to be a proficient mission support commander now reside as unrelated elements. These skill elements need to be brought together as a core competency as we are tasked to operate large support functions which in some cases are not associated with deployed Air Force operational units.

Medical Groups will remain organized as they are although specific changes that deal with medical operations at home and deployed are being worked for later implementation.

Our Combat Wing Organization will allow us to grow leaders with the depth of experience and expertise needed to plan and execute in the full spectrum of deployment, combat planning, execution and sustainment. Although the reorganization is called the Combat Wing Organization, this is not just about the wings that fly—almost every unit in the Air

Force supports our Air Expeditionary Force in some way. Our support unit leadership will be trained in the dynamics of contingency support with the opportunity to command during deployed operations. Over the next several months, we will identify the way ahead for increased training opportunities for leaders of these new groups.

One difficult part of this transition will be for the units whose flightline maintenance will transfer to the command of the Maintenance Group. I have already heard from some who talk about “losing” their maintainers, or believe we are organizing away from the way we will deploy and fight. This is simply not true. When I was a squadron commander, there was an Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) attached to my squadron. I didn't command the AMU. The officer in charge of the AMU was trained by the colonel who ran the maintenance organization. This colonel had been in the business of maintaining airplanes for 24 years. When the squadron deployed, there was no doubt that the AMU would come under my command. But that AMU had been trained by someone who knew the fixing business as well as I knew the flying business.

The Combat Wing Organization is very similar to the organization that was in place between 1978 and 1991. It is the organization that brought us Mission Capable rates greater than 90 percent in Desert Storm and it works. As I said in the beginning, our operators have not flunked maintenance—we aren't fixing something that's broken, we are making it better. Thank you for your support.

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“We have an experienced catering staff who can handle a group of almost any size,” Ms. Donaldson said. “We can cater something small, like a meeting with only a half dozen people, or we can accommodate upwards to 500 for a meal.”

While monetary savings make club membership desirable, the intangible must also be considered when talking about the clubs.

The Army first authorized the establishment of military clubs in the mid-1800s. Originally used as dining facilities, the clubs soon became a place to gather, especially in areas where other outlets for socializing were few. That tradition of committed military personnel meeting informally with their peers continues throughout the military club system today.

“You really can't put a

price tag on tradition,” said Colonel Stutts. “So many things today are so short-lived that it's nice to have something like the club that was established by our predecessors.”

The Tyndall clubs will be offering local prizes throughout the membership awareness promotion. Additionally, two grand prizes will be awarded in early August.

The first is a trip for two adults and two children to Orlando. The package includes a transportation allowance, lodging and admission to several Orlando entertainment parks.

The second prize is a seven-day vacation at a worldwide resort location chosen by the winner.

For more information about these prizes as well as club membership and benefits, contact the clubs' business office at 283-4357.



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Pushin’ produce!

Sean Meniffee, Defense Commissary Agency store worker, prepares the produce line for customers at the Tyndall Commissary. According to DECA officials, customers save 30 percent on grocery bills by using military commissaries, which echoes DECA’s vision statement: “The Commissary Benefit—Cornerstone to Military Quality of Life.”

Scholarships program rates A+

BONNIE J. POWELL
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. - The Scholarships for Military Children program is scoring a 4.0 in its sophomore year. Five hundred and twenty military children have earned \$1,500 scholarships worldwide to help them “combat” the higher cost of education in the fall of 2002.

“I’m delighted to announce that the number of scholarships going to outstanding students in 2002 exceeds last year’s total by 30 percent,” said Major Gen. Robert Courter Jr., Defense Commissary Agency director for the Air Force.

“The community was really enthusiastic about the scholarship program,” said Michael Yaksich, Tyndall Commissary store director. Tyndall Commissary scholarship recipients are Charli Walrond, daughter of retired Lt. Col. George and Anna Walrond, and Michael

Wagner, the son of Maj. Scott and Suzanne Savoie.

Ms. Walrond is a graduate of Bay High School and plans to attend the University of West Florida in the fall. Mr. Wagner is a graduate of J.R. Arnold High School and plans to attend Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, in the fall.

The Scholarships for Military Children program made its debut in 2001, awarding 400 scholarships to graduating high school or college-enrolled students in four-year degree programs. The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military members to include active duty, retirees, Guard and Reserve. Minimum requirements are a 3.0 grade point average, leadership activities and a written essay. The subject of this year’s essay was how the applicant’s community activities have enriched his or her community.

The Fisher House Foundation administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Manufacturers that do business with the commissary system fund the scholarships with donations that would ordinarily be used for various other contests and promotions. Fisher House accepts the donations and contracts with Scholarship Managers to screen the student applications and choose recipients based on merit. Fisher House and DeCA are not directly involved in selecting recipients.

“This year the grade point averages of the winners are in the 3.8 range,” says Bernard Coté of Scholarship Managers. “But what’s particularly impressive to me is the level of extracurricular and community volunteerism military children display. It reflects a level of maturity not seen in applicants from other scholarship programs.”

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Change of command
Maj. Norman Eckert will assume command of the 325th Communications Squadron from Lt. Col. Kevin Foley 10 a.m. today at Flag Park. For more information, call 283-2021.

Fire hydrant testing
The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will continue pressure testing fire hydrants in the Tyndall main base areas, the 6000 area, 7000 area, 400 area and 1800 area through today. This also includes flushing the water mains. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period and for several days afterwards. Water mains will be flushed between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call the civil engineer customer service office, 283-4949.

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'Moms, Pops & Tots'
The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets on Mondays. For more information and meeting locations, call 286-5812.

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Civil Air Patrol meeting
Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852.
The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Tim Jones, 283-8018, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

Transition-assistance workshop
A three-day transition-assistance workshop for anyone leaving the military within the next 12 months will be 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.
The workshop topics include analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interview skills, veterans benefits and much more. Spouses and Department of Defense civilians are welcome.
For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

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GCCC registration
Registration for Gulf Coast Community College's Summer B semester will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday at the Tyndall Education Center. Classes begin June 24. For more information, call 283-4332.

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Palace Chase briefing
Palace Chase briefings for all those interested in the Palace Chase program will be 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Room 222 of Building 662. For more information, call in-service recruiter Master Sgt. Brian Zinner, 283-8384.

NOTES

NCOA meeting
A general membership meeting of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will be 11:30 a.m. June 19 in the Emerald Room of the community activities center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett, 283-8734.

AFSA meeting
A general membership meeting of the Paul Airey Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association will be 4 p.m. June 19 in the enlisted club's Classic Lounge. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Tracy Lawson, 283-3117.

Pharmacy closure
Due to a mandatory formation on June 21, the Tyndall Pharmacy will not be open for business until noon. Patients are advised to plan prescription pick-ups accordingly.

Yard of the month winners
The Tyndall Air Force Base yard of the month winners for May are: Wood Manor I, Master Sgt. Eric Albin and Mrs. Jayne Albin, 2976-B Starfighter Ave.; Wood Manor III, Staff Sgt. Timothy Hibbard and Mrs. Bunnie Hibbard, 3160-B Tiger St.; Felix Lake, Staff Sgt. Craig Grogan and Mrs. Dyan Grogan, 3525 Bullard Court; Red Fish Point, Senior Master Sgt. Jack Powell, 3647 Kisling Loop.

Firing range restrictions
The 325th Security Forces Squadron's combat arms section

cautions all to stay clear of the land adjacent to the firing range. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous. The red range flag will be flying during day firing, and the red beacon will be flashing during night firing. For more information, call combat arms, 283-2114.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

RETIREE NEWS

Understanding long term care insurance
The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program open enrollment period will begin July 1 and extend through Dec. 31 with staggered 60-day enrollments within that time period. The Office of Personnel Management's Web page, www.opm.gov/insure.ltc, provides much of the information needed to understand the program.
The OPM explains that the FLTCIP is for care that you would need to help perform daily activities if you had an ongoing illness or disability. It also includes care if you had a severe cognitive problem like Alzheimer's disease. This type of care isn't received in a hospital and isn't intended to be a cure. It is chronic care that you might need for the rest of your life. It can be received in your home, at a nursing home or other long term care facility.

Many people mistakenly believe that long term care is a health-care plan. It is not. Although health plans may cover some of the skilled medical services you may need when you can't care for yourself after an illness or injury, it's usually just for a limited period and only as long as you're showing improvement. Health plans typically do not cover ongoing chronic care such as an extended stay in an assisted living facility or a continuing need for a home health aide to help you in and out of bed. No health plan known by OPM will cover all of your long-term needs.

Open season applications will be available at: www.ltcfeds.com starting July 1. You can put your name on a mailing list to receive an open season information kit, including application, by calling (800) 582-3337. Open-season kits will be mailed in July.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3616-A Harlow Drive, 3605-A Harlow Drive and 3622-B Kisling Loop. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

Today: "The Sweetest Thing" (R, strong sexual content and language, 84 min.)
Saturday: "Jason X" (R, strong horror violence, language and some sexuality, 93 min.)
Sunday: "Life or Something Like It" (PG-13, sexual content, brief violence and language, 103 min.)
Thursday: "Deuces Wild" (R, strong violence, language, some drug content, brief sexuality, 97 min.)

Safety critical to Air Force record

MASTER SGT. RON TULL
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The annual 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign opened on a sour note over the Memorial Day weekend with a fatal motorcycle accident.

Although the one fatality is an improvement over the three off-duty fatalities for the same period last year, the Air Force is experiencing a bad year for off-duty accidents, according to John Russell, the Air Force's chief of ground safety.

The Air Force lost 56 airmen to a combination of on- and off-duty accidents in Fiscal 2001. As of May 28, the Air Force had lost 54 airmen to off-duty accidents alone in Fiscal 2002.

"We really need to have a strong showing during the '101 Critical Days' to hold those numbers down," Mr. Russell said. "Otherwise we very well could exceed our mishap experience going back eight to 10 years."

According to Mr. Russell, Air Force members are experiencing

many more private vehicle mishaps than normal, and the trend is high speed and loss of control.

In an effort to reverse this trend, the Air Force is reassessing all of its driving programs through an integrated process team. The team will focus on ways to target young male airmen aged 18 to 24 — the profile of the individual most likely to be involved in a fatal accident.

"It's very obvious to us that all of these mishaps could've been prevented," Mr. Russell said. "The message we want to get to the troops is that they've got to spend more time doing personal risk assessments of both their on- and off-duty activities."

Five of the accidents this fiscal year caused multiple fatalities, killing two Air Force members in each instance.

"We see those events as tragic missed opportunities where the passenger could have influenced the outcome," Mr. Russell said.

Statistics do show fewer accidents involving alcohol than in many previous years; 13 of 54

off-duty fatalities were alcohol-related, he said.

While the Air Force studies how to meet the challenge of preventing off-duty mishaps, the on-duty mishap numbers are not as high.

"We're showing five fatalities so far," Mr. Russell said. "Although our current on-duty experience is not good, our five-year averages show an experience of six fatalities per year."

"It's difficult to find any trends with such small numbers," he said. "Four of those five deaths occurred at the member's home station."

The Air Force has always done a good job of getting the lessons learned from each fatality situation, Mr. Russell said, noting that 2001 was the Air Force's best year ever, with only three on-duty fatalities.

"We're not in a position to set any new safety records (this year) but we don't want to set any bad ones either," he said. "We just need everyone to realize that personal safety is more critical than ever before," Mr. Russell said.



Capt. Chris Karns

Karen Hanes, Bay County Chamber of Commerce chairman of the board, addresses the ball as she prepares to chip it out of the sandtrap.

Base hosts MAC tourney

The annual Bay County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee Golf Tournament was hosted by Tyndall May 31 at the Pelican Point Golf Course. More than 70 participants, pairing a military member and MAC guest, spent

the afternoon cutting divots and donating golf balls to water hazards.

"No one knows who started it or when it began, but everyone knows it's been going on for a while and it is always a good time," said Herman Bell, 325th Fighter Wing public affairs chief of community relations.

Although prizes were nominal, competition was tough and when all was said and done, Dick Parrish and John Coakley claimed first place.

While not much is known about the origin of the tournament, it is a well-anticipated event that allows base and community players to exchange ideas, get to know each other better and foster good community relations in what could be the most military friendly town in America.

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing public affairs)



Brig. Gen. William Hodgkins prepares to tee off.

Beat the heat!

Staff Sgt. Jack Howard, a crew chief with the 95th Fighter Squadron, launches his jet ski at Beacon Beach Marina for some cool fun on the water. Panhandle temperatures and heat indexes have soared into triple digits this week making outdoor activities uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous. Safety officials suggest drinking plenty of water, avoiding alcohol or caffeine and using plenty of sunblock to keep comfortable and safe during the hot weather.



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Softball standings

American League			National League		
Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
2 FS 2	4	0	COMM	4	0
1FS	4	0	RHS	4	0
SEADS	3	0	83 FWS 1	3	1
ACS 1	3	1	SFS	3	1
MXS	3	2	MSS	3	1
SVS	2	2	AFCEA	2	2
LSS	2	3	TW	2	3
OSS	2	4	CES	1	3
COMM 2	1	4	TEST	1	4
83 FWS 2	0	0	ACS 2	0	0
95 FS	0	1	MDG	0	3
WEG	0	3	2 FS 1	0	5
CONR	0	4			



Funshine NEWS



June 7, 2002

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Here's How...

Air Force Club Scholarship Program

Three scholarships will be awarded to AF Club members or their eligible family members in the amounts of:

\$5,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000

Applicants must be accepted by, or enrolled in, an accredited college or university graduate or undergraduate program by Fall of 2002. Information packages with complete instructions and requirements are available from the Tyndall Officers Club, Enlisted Club or the Services Marketing Office. Entry deadline is July 15.

283-4565

for more information.

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Father's Day Brunch

All Ranks in the
Officers Club
Dining Room

Sunday, June 16

Continuous reservations
available from
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Adults \$8.95 Children 5-11 \$4.95

Children 4 & under free

283-4357

NONMEMBERS

Here's your chance to try one of the benefits of Club Membership! Join us for Father's Day Brunch and receive the member discount price!

Live Band at the Enlisted Club

June 8 & 29

Call 283-4357 for more information

Have you transferred your membership to the Tyndall club? If you haven't, please stop by the business office of the O Club and transfer today.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Major League Soccer Camp

Major League Soccer (MLS CAMPS) will run our Soccer camp again at a special rate of only \$45 for 5-6 years old and \$65 for 7-18 years old. Registered campers receive ball & T-shirt. The Camp runs July 22-26.

Volleyball Camp

June 17-21. For ages 10 and up. Costs \$10 (includes T-shirt).

Start Smart Soccer

Is your 3-5 yrs. old ready for organized soccer? Sign up for Start Smart Soccer and work one-on-one with your child improving basic skills. Program dates are June 15, 22, 29 and July 6 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30.

Jr. Golf Clinic

July 22, 24, 26, 29, 31 & August 2 at 8 and 9 a.m. Are you between the ages of 6-17 and want to be the next Tiger Woods? Enroll in the Pelican Point Jr. Golf Clinic and learn the basics of golf. Limited space is available in this class. Call Andy at the Youth Center for more details.



Join the Aero Club by the end of August 2002 and you could win:

- \$100 flight scholarship
- SoftComm C-90 Headset
- \$84 Proficiency Flight Scholarship
- \$100 Toward flight time

(awarded to pilot with most monthly hours)

Call 283-4404 for more information.

Bike Rental now available at

CAC: 283-2495
Lodging: 283-4211
Bonita Bay: 293-3199



Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

Ballroom Dance Classes

(Swing- Waltz-Slow Dancing)

Starts June 21 at 7 p.m. CAC ballroom
Cost: \$65 per couple or \$32.50 for singles per 4 week. Deadline for signup: June 20

Pelican Pt. Golf Course 283-4389



Family Day

Every Sunday
Noon-1 p.m.

Military Member pays full price, spouse is half price and dependents golf free!

Bonita Bay Outdoor Rec.

☎ 283-3199

Summer Hours

Mon. - Thur.: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Sat., and Sun.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sailing & Windsurfing Classes

Cost \$40 per person. Minimum age: 10. Two day courses, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call for dates.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Friday Seafood Lunch Buffet

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 and includes soft drink or tea. This is an All-You-Can-Eat buffet!

Dive and Fishing Charters

Deep sea and bay fishing, trolling or bottom fishing: \$75 per operating hour, everything included. Four hour minimum.

Lawn Equipment Rental

Equipment available includes: lawn mowers, weed eaters and rakes.

Scuba Lessons

Spring special only \$125 for open water certification.

Pontoon Boat Rental

The Marina Club offers pontoon boat rental. Full day rental costs \$95.



The Pool is Open!

Hours:

Fitness (Lap) Swim:

Tues. 6-7:30 a.m.

Wed.-Fri.: 6-7:30 a.m.,

11-11:30 a.m., 5-6:30 p.m.

Open Swim:

Wed.-Sun.: 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fees:

- Open Swim: \$1 per person per visit
- Season Pass: \$35 per person unlimited use plus \$5 for each family member with a max. of \$50 per family.
- 30 Visit punch pass: \$20
- Fitness (Lap) Swim is free

Swim Lessons Available
call Bonita Bay for more information
283-3199

Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

Create A Bird House

Call or come by to make your reservation for a class this month. The class is 2 hours long and cost is \$4 plus materials (10% above cost).

Oil Change Class

A FREE one-hour class June 25, 6 p.m.

Ceramics Class

A two hour class will be held June 15 at 10 a.m. Three students max and cost is \$15.

Framing Class

Available on Thurs. 5-7 p.m. Costs \$30 which includes 8x10 frame supplies. Must preregister for class. Max class size: 3 students

Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

Arriving or Departing?

Air Force Aid offers free child care in Family Child Care Homes. Contact the relocation personnel in the Family Support Center for your PCS certificate. A list of FCC providers is available through the FCC office in building 1309.

Office Hours

The FCC office is open daily Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

